

**CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. A tool arrangement for binding an object, in particular a cable harness, by means of a band, [the ends] of which are guided through a lock, for which there is provided in the tool a lock mount which is provided with a sensor for establishing [the presence] of a lock, said sensor assuming a first sensing position in [the absence] of a lock and a second sensing position in the presence of a lock, wherein the sensor assumes a third sensing position when the lock contains a band.

2. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock contains at least one detent which interacts with the band, is deflected out of a rest position in the presence of the band and is sensed by the sensor.

3. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in addition to a part which senses the band [and/or] the detent, the sensor has a part which senses the lock.

4. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein [the direction] of the sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with the direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

5. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the sensor is of multi-step design.

6. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

7. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lock mount has fixing clips for the lock.

8. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein a blade provided for cutting off one band end serves as a stop for the other band end.

9. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in addition to a part which senses the band and/or the detent, the sensor has a part which senses the lock.

10. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the direction of the sensing movement of the sensor essentially coincides with the direction in which the lock is to be introduced into the lock mount.

11. The arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sensor is of multi-step design.

12. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

13. The arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

14. The arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lock has a through-passage for the sensor.

15. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lock mount has fixing clips for the lock.

16. The arrangement as claimed in claim 4, wherein the lock mount has fixing clips for the lock.

17. The arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein the lock mount has fixing clips for the lock.

18. The arrangement as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lock mount has fixing clips for the lock.

19. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein a blade provided for cutting off one band end serves as a stop for the other band end.

20. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3, wherein a blade provided for cutting off one band end serves as a stop for the other band end.